

1-1 By: Davis of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 2466  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;  
 1-4 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
 1-5 Human Services; May 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to coverage for certain services related to maternal  
 1-21 depression under the Medicaid and child health plan programs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 62, Health and Safety  
 1-24 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1511 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 62.1511. COVERAGE FOR MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING.

1-26 (a) In this section, "maternal depression" means depression of any  
 1-27 severity with postpartum onset.

1-28 (b) The covered services under the child health plan must  
 1-29 include a maternal depression screening for an enrollee's mother,  
 1-30 regardless of whether the mother is also an enrollee, that is  
 1-31 performed during a covered well-child or other office visit for the  
 1-32 enrollee that occurs before the enrollee's first birthday.

1-33 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
 1-34 to implement this section. The rules must be based on:

1-35 (1) clinical and empirical evidence concerning  
 1-36 maternal depression; and

1-37 (2) information provided by relevant physicians and  
 1-38 behavioral health organizations.

1-39 (d) The commission shall seek, accept, and spend any federal  
 1-40 funds that are available for the purposes of this section,  
 1-41 including priority funding authorized by Section 317L-1 of the  
 1-42 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.), as added  
 1-43 by the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. No. 114-255).

1-44 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,  
 1-45 is amended by adding Section 32.0561 to read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 32.0561. MATERNAL DEPRESSION SCREENING. (a) In this  
 1-47 section, "maternal depression" means depression of any severity  
 1-48 with postpartum onset.

1-49 (b) The commission shall provide medical assistance  
 1-50 reimbursement for a maternal depression screening for a recipient's  
 1-51 mother, regardless of whether the mother is also a recipient, that  
 1-52 is performed during a covered examination for the recipient under  
 1-53 the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program that occurs  
 1-54 before the recipient's first birthday.

1-55 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary  
 1-56 to implement this section. The rules must be based on:

1-57 (1) clinical and empirical evidence concerning  
 1-58 maternal depression; and

1-59 (2) information provided by relevant physicians and  
 1-60 behavioral health organizations.

1-61 (d) The commission shall seek, accept, and spend any federal

2-1 funds that are available for the purposes of this section,  
2-2 including priority funding authorized by Section 317L-1 of the  
2-3 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.), as added  
2-4 by the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. No. 114-255).

2-5 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
2-6 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
2-7 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
2-8 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
2-9 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
2-10 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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